

Utah Public Fire Educator



A Newsletter for Utah
Public Fire Educators

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Utah Public Fire Educator Summit May 22, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm, The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center 1800 Park Avenue, Park City

Everyone responsible for, or interested in, providing public fire education is invited to the Utah Public Fire Educator Summit. Meet others in the field, find inspiration and support, learn what the Office of the State Fire Marshal can do for you.



Please RSVP by April 28 if you are attending so I can be sure to have a large enough room and enough treats! Monica Colby, 801-284-6360, monicacolby@utah.gov.

Success Table: Let's share what works! Bring examples of your programs for display with a short explanation of what you are doing.

Dreamers Wanted: Do you have a dream for your program? Do you have a project you would love to see work in your community? Can you express it in one page or less? Send your one-page dreams to monicacolby@utah.gov.



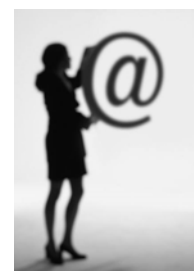
Do you support an Explorers Post, an auxiliary or other non-operational volunteers? If you do, then you have a Fire Corps. To officially establish your Fire Corps, register it at www.firecorps.org, contact your local Citizen Corps Council (citizencorps.utah.gov) and run your Fire Corps.

You must be a registered Fire Corps or seeking funding to begin your Fire Corps to receive the Citizen Corps funding opening May/June 2006.

Contact your local volunteer center for assistance in recruiting volunteers. Tell them

Communication List

Get on the Utah Public Fire Educators email communication list! Simply send an email to monicacolby@utah.gov with "subscribe" in the subject and you will receive periodic emails containing information on programs, campaigns and safety weeks. You will also have a community of peers to help you when needed.



what skills and time commitment you are looking for and they will connect you with volunteers!

Don't overlook Senior volunteers - local volunteer centers have access to at least three formal Senior volunteer agencies.



2006 Utah Conference on Service and Volunteerism

"Be Ready Utah - Ready to Serve, Ready to Prosper"

presented by the Utah Commission on Volunteers

May 22 - 24, 2006

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Park City

Valuable and exciting information about Citizen Corps and all of the related programs (including Fire Corps) will be presented. Also, representatives from area volunteer and non-profit organization will be there, including AmeriCorps and VISTA. Come and learn how you can work together.

Workshops will include:

- What is Fire Corps and what it can do for you.
- How to start a volunteer program.
- Volunteer recruitment and recognition.
- Liability issues.
- How to coordinate efforts with other volunteer organizations.
- Workshops on CERT, Teen CERT, Volunteers in Policing, Medical Reserve Corps and Neighborhood Watch.
- Many, many more!



May 22: evening welcome reception (optional) & registration

May 23: registration, all day workshops and speakers, evening Volunteer Awards Banquet.

May 24: workshops - out by 3:30 pm!

Early bird registration is only \$125 and includes all meals. A link to the conference registration site can be found at www.volunteers.utah.gov. There are a maximum number of 500 attendees so register early! A limited number of fire agency scholarships are available; don't hesitate to contact Monica Colby at 801-284-6360 or monicacolby@utah.gov if you need assistance.

Hello! I'm Monica Colby, Public Education Specialist for the Utah Office of the State Fire Marshal. I got my start as a Public Education Specialist with Sandy City Fire Department in 1998. I had a lot of firsts there; the first time I wore a badge, the first time I rode with a cardiac patient to the hospital, the first time was told to "eat through the pain."

I next moved on to Federal Way Fire Department in Washington where I spent three years as a Public Education Officer and Public Information Officer. Here was the first time I had my car pushed out of the mud by firefighters at a scene, the first time I spoke to a wall of cameras and the first time I became a mother.

Things were going well in Washington but I decided I needed to come home to Utah. I was lucky enough to be hired by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Now I am experiencing many more firsts; first time I towed a 32 ft. trailer, first time my son played his guitar for me, and the first time I was ordered to decorate my office.

I am very excited to meet each of you and work with you. I love the fire service and have a passion for prevention and safety. I look forward to my many more "firsts."

